

Claim 4. (Amended) A dose protector as claimed in claim 1 wherein the said covering means senses airflow through and/or pressure across drop the airway and responds thereto.

Claim 6. (Amended) A dose protector as claimed in claim 1 wherein the covering means responds by covering the dose more effectively when the airflow through and/or pressure drop across the airway is in a second direction.

Claim 8. (Amended) A dose protector as claimed in claim 1 where the covering means comprises one or more poppet valves, diaphragm valves, rotary valves, reciprocating valves, sealing flaps or a combination thereof.

Claim 9. (Amended) A dose protector as claimed in any claim 1 wherein the dose is metered by volume of medicament or surface area.

Claim 12. (Amended) A dose protector as claimed in claim 1 wherein the dose or container retaining the dose has a surrounding rim.

Claim 15. (Amended) A dose protector as claimed in claim 13 additionally comprising a closure mechanism wherein the at least one sealing flap is held in contact with the pocket by a closure means which prevents the contact between the at least one sealing flap and the pocket being broken by airflow through the airway in any direction.

Claim 17. (Amended) A dose protector as claimed in claim 13 wherein the said sealing flap vibrates in the airflow once the contact with the pocket is broken.

Claim 18. (Amended) A dose protector as claimed in claim 13 wherein the sealing flap is made of thermoset rubber.

Claim 19. (Amended) A dose protector as claimed in claim 13 wherein the sealing flap is of equivalent or slightly reduced width relative to the distance between the inside walls of the housing at the base of the walls of the housing where the sealing flap is in contact with the pocket.

Claim 21. (Amended) A dose protector as claimed in claim 1 wherein the said covering means is spaced away from the dose or container retaining a dose to